

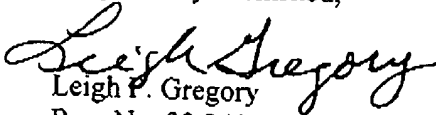
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REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicant has elected group J - the surgical monofilament or braided sutures. Claims 1, 11, 13 and 16 are readable on the elected species.

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